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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

The present Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 is responsive to the final Office Action mailed May 11, 2009 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

___ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		EXTRA PRESENT		RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	16 MINUS	38	* =	0	X	(\$26 SE or \$52)	\$0
INDEP.	6 MINUS	7	** =	0	X	(\$110 SE or \$220)	\$0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					X	(\$190 SE or \$390)	\$0

* not less than 20 ** not less than 3

TOTAL \$ 0

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. ____ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
2. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.
3. ____ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
4. ____ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.